The Bentley House Bentleyville, Ohio

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Historic American Buildings Survey William A. Bohnard, District Officer 9815 Newton Avenue, Cleveland, Chio Bentley Residence Bentleyville, Ohio HABS NO. 0-25 HABS OHIO 18-BENTY

Owner (or Custodian) Mary F. Kent and brother Date of Erection Built in the year 1830

architect Not known

Builder Mr. Bentley

Present Condition In good condition. Many additions have been made but much of the original building including many fine details are still in an excellent state of preservation.

Number of Stories Two stories

Materials of Construction Frame construction. Stone foundation. Shingle roof.

Other Existing Records: Five photographs
One page of history

Additional Data: See following page

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Erected by Mr. Bentley, a cattle merchant from Connecticut in the year 1830. Mr. Bentley was desirous of settling in the Western Reserve but his intended bride had no wish to pioneer and live in a crude log cabin. Mr. Bentley therefore came west and located at what later was named Bentleyville in his honor and erected this home to which he later brought his bride.

The building is now in the possession of Mary F. Kent and her brother who are direct descendents of Mr. Bentley the original owner.

Building on the sloping ground, characteristic of the territory, Mr. Bentley took full advantage of the situation by placing the service quarters, kitchen, pantry, etc., on the ground or basement level.

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